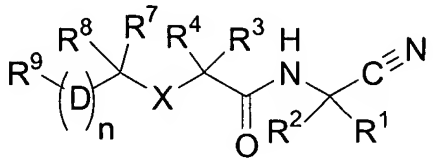
IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of the formula:



wherein R^1 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{1-6} alkenyl wherein said alkyl and alkenyl groups are optionally substituted with halo;
R^2 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{1-6} alkenyl wherein said alkyl and alkenyl groups are optionally substituted with halo;
or R^1 and R^2 can be taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached to form a C_{3-8} cycloalkyl ring wherein said ring system is optionally substituted with C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxyalkyl or halo;
R^3 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{1-6} alkenyl wherein said alkyl and alkenyl groups are optionally substituted with C_{3-6} cycloalkyl or halo;
R^4 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{1-6} alkenyl wherein said alkyl and alkenyl groups are optionally substituted with C_{3-6} cycloalkyl or halo;
or R^3 and R^4 can be taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached to form a C_{3-8} cycloalkyl ring, C_{5-8} cycloalkenyl ring, or five to seven membered heterocycloalkyl wherein said cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl and heterocycloalkyl groups are optionally substituted with C_{1-6} alkyl, halo, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy or keto;

X is selected from the group consisting of ~~-O-, -S-, SO_2, and $C(R^5)(R^6)$~~ ;

~~R^5 is hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl;~~
~~R^6 is hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl;~~
~~or R^5 and R^6 can be taken together with any of the atoms to which they may be attached or are between them to form a 3-8 membered cycloalkyl ring system wherein said ring system is optionally substituted with C_{1-6} alkyl or halo;~~

R^7 is ~~hydrogen,~~ C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, ~~C_{1-6} alkyloxy, nitro, cyano,~~ aryl, heteroaryl~~, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, $C(O)OR^{10}$, $C(O)R^{10}$,~~

~~$C(O)OSi[CH(CH_3)_2]_3$, $R^{10}C(O)R^{13}$, $C(O)R^{13}$, $C(O)N(R^{12})(R^{12})$, $C(R^{10})(R^{11})OH$, $R^{10}SR^{13}$, R^{13}, $C(R^{13})_3$, $C(R^{10})(R^{11})N(R^{13})_2$, $C(R^{10})(R^{11})N(R^{10})R^{13}$, $C(R^{10})(R^{11})N(R^{10})(R^{11})$, $C(R^{10})(R^{11})SC(R^{10})(R^{11})(R^{13})$, $C(R^a)(R^b)NR^aC(R^a)(R^b)$, $C(R^a)(R^b)N(R^a)(R^b)$, $C(R^a)(R^b)C(R^a)(R^b)N(R^a)(R^b)$, $C(O)C(R^a)(R^b)N(R^a)(R^b)$, $C(R^a)(R^b)N(R^a)C(O)R^{13}$ or $C(R^a)(R^b)C(O)N(R^a)(R^b)$~~; wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, ~~alkoxy,~~ aryl, ~~,~~ and heteroaryl~~, cycloalkyl and heterocycloalkyl~~ groups are optionally substituted on either the carbon or the heteroatom with one to five substituents independently selected from C_{1-6} alkyl, halo, keto, cyano, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, $-OR^9$, -O(aryl), $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, $-NHS(O)_2R^{10}$, $-R^{13}SO_2R^{12}$, $-SO_2R^{12}$, $-SO(R^{12})$, $-SO_2N(R^c)(R^d)$, $-SO_2N(R^{10})C(O)(R^{12})$, $-C(R^{10})(R^{11})N(R^{10})(R^{11})$, $-C(R^{10})(R^{11})OH$, -COOH, $-C(R^a)(R^b)C(O)N(R^a)(R^b)$, $-N(R^{10})C(R^{10})(R^{11})(R^{13})$, $-NH(CH_2)_2OH$, $-NHC(O)OR^{10}$, $-Si(CH_3)_3$, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl;

R^8 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, ~~C_{1-6} alkyloxy, nitro, cyano,~~ aryl, heteroaryl~~, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, $C(O)OR^{10}$, $C(O)R^{10}$, $C(O)OSi[CH(CH_3)_2]_3$, $R^{10}C(O)R^{13}$, $C(O)R^{13}$, $C(O)N(R^{12})(R^{12})$, $C(R^{10})(R^{11})OH$, $R^{10}SR^{13}$, R^{13}, $C(R^{13})_3$, $C(R^{10})(R^{11})N(R^{13})_2$, $C(R^{10})(R^{11})N(R^{10})R^{13}$, $C(R^{10})(R^{11})N(R^{10})(R^{11})$, $C(R^{10})(R^{11})SC(R^{10})(R^{11})(R^{13})$, $C(R^a)(R^b)NR^aC(R^a)(R^b)$, $C(R^a)(R^b)N(R^a)(R^b)$, $C(R^a)(R^b)C(R^a)(R^b)N(R^a)(R^b)$, $C(O)C(R^a)(R^b)N(R^a)(R^b)$, $C(R^a)(R^b)N(R^a)C(O)R^{13}$ or $C(R^a)(R^b)C(O)N(R^a)(R^b)$~~; wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, ~~alkoxy,~~ aryl, ~~,~~ and heteroaryl~~, cycloalkyl and heterocycloalkyl~~ groups are optionally substituted on either the carbon or the heteroatom with one to five substituents independently selected from C_{1-6} alkyl, halo, keto, cyano, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, $-OR^9$, -O(aryl), $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, $-NHS(O)_2R^{10}$, $-R^{13}SO_2R^{12}$, $-SO_2R^{12}$, $-SO(R^{12})$, $-SO_2N(R^c)(R^d)$, $-SO_2N(R^{10})C(O)(R^{12})$, $-C(R^{10})(R^{11})N(R^{10})(R^{11})$, $-C(R^{10})(R^{11})OH$, -COOH, $-C(R^a)(R^b)C(O)N(R^a)(R^b)$, $-N(R^{10})C(R^{10})(R^{11})(R^{13})$, $-NH(CH_2)_2OH$, $-NHC(O)OR^{10}$, $-Si(CH_3)_3$, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl;

D is aryl, heteroaryl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, or heterocycloalkyl, ~~C_{1-3} alkyl or C_{1-3} alkenyl~~ wherein said aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl and heterocycloalkyl groups, which may be monocyclic or bicyclic, are optionally substituted on either the carbon or the heteroatom with one to three substituents selected from C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy, halo, keto, nitro, cyano, aryl, heteroaryl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, $-C(O)OR^{10}$, $-C(O)OSi[CH(CH_3)_2]_3$, $-OR^{10}$, $-C(O)R^{10}$, $-R^{10}C(O)R^{13}$, $-C(O)R^{13}$, $-C(O)N(R^{12})(R^{12})$, -

$C(R^{10})(R^{11})OH$, $-SR^{12}$, $-SR^{13}$, $-R^{10}SR^{13}$, $-R^{13}$, $-C(R^{13})_3$, $-C(R^{10})(R^{11})N(R^{13})_2$, $-SO_2R^{12}$, $-SO(R^{12})$, $-SO_2R^{13}$, $-SO_2N(R^c)(R^d)$, $-SO_2CH(R^{10})(R^{11})$, $-SO_2N(R^{10})C(O)(R^{12})$, $-SO_2(R^{10})C(O)N(R^{12})_2$, $-OSO_2R^{10}$, $-N(R^{10})(R^{11})$, $-N(R^{10})C(O)NR^{10}R^{13}$, $-N(R^{10})C(O)R^{10}$, $-N(R^{10})C(O)OR^{10}$, $-N(R^{10})SO_2R^{10}$, $-C(R^{10})(R^{11})NR^{10}C(R^{10})(R^{11})R^{13}$, $-C(R^{10})(R^{11})N(R^{10})R^{13}$, $-C(R^{10})(R^{11})N(R^{10})(R^{11})$, $-C(R^{10})(R^{11})SC(R^{10})(R^{11})(R^{13})$, $R^{10}S-$, $-C(R^a)(R^b)NR^aC(R^a)(R^b)(R^{13})$, $-C(R^a)(R^b)N(R^a)(R^b)$, $-C(R^a)(R^b)C(R^a)(R^b)N(R^a)(R^b)$, $-C(O)C(R^a)(R^b)N(R^a)(R^b)$, $-C(R^a)(R^b)N(R^a)C(O)R^{13}$ or $-C(R^a)(R^b)C(O)N(R^a)(R^b)$; wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl and heterocyclyl groups are optionally substituted on either the carbon or the heteroatom with one to five substituents independently selected from C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, halo, keto, cyano, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, $-OR^{13}$, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, $-NHS(O)_2R^{10}$, $-R^{13}SO_2R^{12}$, $-SO_2R^{12}$, $-SO(R^{12})$, $-SO_2N(R^c)(R^d)$, $-SO_2N(R^{10})C(O)(R^{12})$, $-C(R^{10})(R^{11})N(R^{10})(R^{11})$, $-C(R^{10})(R^{11})OH$, -COOH, $-C(R^a)(R^b)C(O)N(R^a)(R^b)$, $-N(R^{10})C(R^{10})(R^{11})$, $-NH(CH_2)_2OH$, $-NHC(O)OR^{10}$, $-Si(CH_3)_3$, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl;

R^9 is hydrogen, hydroxy, cyano, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy, halo, aryl, heteroaryl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, $-C(O)OR^{10}$, $-OR^{10}$, $-C(O)R^{10}$, $-C(O)R^{13}$, $-C(O)N(R^{12})(R^{12})$, $-C(R^{10})(R^{11})OH$, $-R^{10}SR^{13}$, $-R^{13}$, $-C(R^{13})_3$, $-C(R^{10})(R^{11})N(R^{13})_2$, SR^{10}, $-SO_2R^{12}$, $-SO(R^{12})$, $-SO_2R^{13}$, $-SO_2N(R^c)(R^d)$, $-SO_2CH(R^{10})(R^{11})$, $-N(R^{10})(R^{11})$, $-N(R^{10})C(O)NR^{10}R^{13}$, $-N(R^{10})C(O)R^{10}$, $-N(R^{10})C(O)OR^{10}$, $-N(R^{10})SO_2R^{10}$, $-C(R^{10})(R^{11})NR^{10}C(R^{10})(R^{11})R^{13}$, $-C(R^{10})(R^{11})N(R^{10})R^{13}$, $-C(R^{10})(R^{11})N(R^{10})(R^{11})$, $-C(R^{10})(R^{11})SC(R^{10})(R^{11})-$, $R^{10}S-$, $-C(R^a)(R^b)NR^aC(R^a)(R^b)$, $-C(R^a)(R^b)N(R^a)(R^b)$, $-C(R^a)(R^b)C(R^a)(R^b)N(R^a)(R^b)$, $-C(O)C(R^a)(R^b)N(R^a)(R^b)$, $-C(R^a)(R^b)N(R^a)C(O)R^{13}$; wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl and heterocycloalkyl groups are optionally substituted on either the carbon or the heteroatom with one to five substituents independently selected from C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, halo, keto, cyano, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, $-OR^{13}$, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, $-NHS(O)_2R^8$, $-R^{13}SO_2R^{12}$, SO_2R^{12}, $SO(R^{12})$, $SO_2N(R^c)(R^d)$, $SO_2N(R^{10})C(O)(R^{12})$, $-C(R^{10})(R^{11})N(R^{10})(R^{11})$, $-C(R^{10})(R^{11})OH$, -COOH, $-C(R^a)(R^b)C(O)N(R^a)(R^b)$, $-N(R^{10})C(R^{10})(R^{11})$, $-NH(CH_2)_2OH$, $-NHC(O)OR^{10}$, $Si(CH_3)_3$, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl;

R^{10} is hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl;
R^{11} is hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl;

R^{12} is hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl which is optionally substituted with halo, alkoxy, cyano, $-NR^{10}$ or $-SR^{10}$;

R^{13} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, aryl(C_{1-4}) alkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryl(C_{1-4})alkyl, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, C_{3-8}cycloalkyl(C_{1-4})alkyl, and heterocycloalkyl(C_{1-4})alkyl wherein said groups can be optionally substituted with halo or alkoxy;

R^a is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, (C_{1-6} alkyl)aryl, (C_{1-6} alkyl)hydroxyl, $-O(C_{1-6}$ alkyl), hydroxyl, halo, aryl, heteroaryl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, wherein said alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl and heterocycloalkyl can be optionally substituted on either the carbon or the heteroatom with C_{1-6} alkyl or halo;

R^b is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, (C_{1-6} alkyl)aryl, (C_{1-6} alkyl)hydroxyl, alkoxyl, hydroxyl, halo, aryl, heteroaryl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl,wherein said alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl and heterocycloalkyl can be optionally substituted on either the carbon or the heteroatom with C_{1-6} alkyl or halo;
or R^a and R^b can be taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached or are between them to form a C_{3-8} cycloalkyl ring or C_{3-8} heterocycloalkyl ring wherein said 3-8 membered ring system may be optionally substituted with C_{1-6} alkyl and halo;

R^c is hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl which is optionally substituted with halo or OR^{13};
R^d is hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl which is optionally substituted with halo or OR^{13};
or R^c and R^d can be taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached or are between them to form a C_{3-8} heterocycloalkyl ring which is optionally substituted with C_{1-6} alkyl, halo hydroxyalkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy or keto;

n is ~~zero, one,~~ two ~~or three~~;
~~and the~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable salts~~,~~ or stereoisomers ~~and N-oxide derivatives~~ thereof.

2. (Currently Amended) The compound of Claim 1 wherein R^3 is H and R^4 is C_{1-6} alkyl which is optionally substituted with C_{3-6} cycloalkyl or halo; ~~and the~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable salts~~,~~ or stereoisomers ~~and N-oxide derivatives~~ thereof.

3. (Currently Amended) The compound of Claim 2 wherein R^3 is H and R^4 is isobutyl; ~~and the~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable salts~~,~~ or stereoisomers ~~and N-oxide derivatives~~ thereof.

4. (Currently Amended) The compound of Claim 1 wherein R^1 and R^2 are each H; ~~and the~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable salts~~,~~ or stereoisomers ~~and N-oxide derivatives~~ thereof.

5. (Currently Amended) The compound of Claim 1 wherein R^1 and R^2 can be taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached to form a C_{3-8} cycloalkyl ring wherein said ring system is optionally substituted with C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxyalkyl or halo; ~~and the~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable salts~~,~~ or stereoisomers ~~and N-oxide derivatives~~ thereof.

6. (Currently Amended) The compound of Claim 5 wherein R^1 and R^2 can be taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached to form a cyclopropyl ring wherein said ring system is optionally substituted with C_{1-6} alkyl or halo; ~~and the~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable salts~~,~~ or stereoisomers ~~and N-oxide derivatives~~ thereof.

7. Cancelled.

8. (Currently Amended) The compound of Claim 7 wherein R^7 is aryl, heteroaryl or C_{1-6} haloalkyl and R^8 is hydrogen; ~~and the~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable salts~~,~~ or stereoisomers ~~and N-oxide derivatives~~ thereof.

9. (Currently Amended) The compound of Claim 1 wherein D is aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl or heterocycloalkyl;~~and the~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable salts~~,~~ or stereoisomers ~~and N-oxide derivatives~~ thereof..

10. (Currently Amended) The compound of Claim 9 wherein D is phenyl~~or pyridyl~~; ~~and the~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable salts~~,~~ or stereoisomers ~~and N-oxide derivatives~~ thereof.

11. (Currently Amended) The compound of Claim 1 wherein R^9 is aryl, heteroaryl or heterocycloalkyl, wherein wherein said groups are optionally substituted on either

the carbon or the heteroatom with one to five substituents independently selected from C_{1-6} alkyl, halo, $-SO_2R^{12}$, $-SO(R^{12})$ or aryl; ~~and the~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable salts~~,~~ or stereoisomers ~~and N-oxide derivatives~~ thereof.

12. (Currently Amended) The compound of Claim 1 selected from:
~~(2S)-2-{[(R)-(4-bromophenyl)(phenyl)methyl]oxy}-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-{[(R)-phenyl(4'-piperazin-1-yl-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]oxy}pentanamide;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-{[(R)-phenyl(4'-pyridin-4-yl-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]oxy}pentanamide;

~~(2S)-2-({(R)-(4-bromophenyl)[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]methyl}oxy)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-{[(S)-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl](4'-piperazin-1-yl-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]oxy}pentanamide;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-2-{[(R)-[4'-(1H-imidazol-1-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl](phenyl)methyl]oxy}-4-methylpentanamide;

~~(2S)-2-{[(R)-(4-bromophenyl)(4-chlorophenyl)methyl]oxy}-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~(2S)-2-{[(S)-(4-bromophenyl)(mesityl)methyl]oxy}-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide~~;

~~(2S)-2-(benzhydryloxy)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

(2S)-2-{[(S)-(4-chlorophenyl)(4'-piperazin-1-yl-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]oxy}-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-2-{[(S)-mesityl(4'-piperazin-1-yl-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]oxy}-4-methylpentanamide;

~~1-{[(R)-(4-bromophenyl)(phenyl)methyl]oxy}-N-(cyanomethyl)cyclohexanecarboxamide;~~

~~(2S)-2-{[(1R)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl]oxy}-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~(2S)-2-{[(R)-(4-bromophenyl)(cyclopropyl)methyl]oxy}-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~(2S)-2-{[(R)-(3-bromophenyl)(phenyl)methyl]oxy}-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~2-[(4-bromophenyl)(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)methoxy]-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~2-[(4-bromophenyl)(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)methoxy]-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

(2S)-2-[[4-(3-chloropyrazin-2-yl)phenyl](phenyl)methoxy]-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;

~~(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-{phenyl[4-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)phenyl]methoxy}pentanamide;~~

(2S)-2-[[4'-(aminosulfonyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl](phenyl)methoxy]-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-[[4'-(methylsulfonyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl](phenyl)methoxy]pentanamide;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-[phenyl(4-quinolin-3-ylphenyl)methoxy]pentanamide;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-[phenyl(4-pyrimidin-5-ylphenyl)methoxy]pentanamide;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-[phenyl(4-quinolin-8-ylphenyl)methoxy]pentanamide;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-2-[{4-[6-(hydroxymethyl)-1-oxidopyridin-3-yl]phenyl}(phenyl)methoxy]-4-methylpentanamide;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-[phenyl(4-pyridin-4-ylphenyl)methoxy]pentanamide;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-2-[[4-(1H-indol-4-yl)phenyl](phenyl)methoxy]-4-methylpentanamide;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-[phenyl(4-pyridin-2-ylphenyl)methoxy]pentanamide;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-[phenyl(4-pyrazin-2-ylphenyl)methoxy]pentanamide;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-[phenyl(4-pyridin-3-ylphenyl)methoxy]pentanamide;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-(phenyl{4-[5-(2H-tetraazol-5-yl)pyridin-3-yl]phenyl}methoxy)pentanamide;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-[[4-(3-methylpyridin-2-yl)phenyl](phenyl)methoxy]pentanamide;

2-{4-[[((1S)-1-{[(cyanomethyl)amino]carbonyl}-3-methylbutyl)oxy](phenyl)methyl]phenyl}isonicotinic acid;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-[phenyl(4-pyrimidin-2-ylphenyl)methoxy]pentanamide;

ethyl 4'-[[((1S)-1-{[(cyanomethyl)amino]carbonyl}-3-methylbutyl)oxy](phenyl)methyl]-1,1'-biphenyl-4-carboxylate;

4'-[[((1S)-1-{[(cyanomethyl)amino]carbonyl}-3-methylbutyl)oxy](phenyl)methyl]-1,1'-biphenyl-4-carboxamide;

~~N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-{phenyl[4-(piperazin-1-ylcarbonyl)phenyl]methoxy}pentanamide~~;

~~N-(cyanomethyl)-2-[(4-{[4-(2-fluoroethyl)piperazin-1-yl]carbonyl}phenyl)(phenyl)methoxy]-4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-[(4-{[4-(methylsulfonyl)piperazin-1-yl]carbonyl}phenyl)(phenyl)methoxy]pentanamide;~~

~~(2S)-2-{[(S)-(4-bromophenyl)(thien-2-yl)methyl]oxy}-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide~~;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-{[(S)-(4'-piperazin-1-yl-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)(thien-2-yl)methyl]oxy}pentanamide;

~~(2S)-2-[(4-bromophenyl)(thien-3-yl)methoxy]-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~2-[(4-bromophenyl)(pyridin-2-yl)methoxy]-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~2-[(4-bromophenyl)(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)methoxy]-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide~~;

N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-[(4'-piperazin-1-yl-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)(pyridin-2-yl)methoxy]pentanamide;

N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-[(4'-piperazin-1-yl-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)methoxy]pentanamide;

~~2-[(4-bromophenyl)(pyridin-3-yl)methoxy]-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~2-[(4-bromophenyl)(pyridin-4-yl)methoxy]-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~2-[1-(4-bromophenyl)ethoxy]-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~2-[1-(4-bromophenyl)propoxy]-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~2-[1-(4-bromophenyl)ethoxy]-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~N-(cyanomethyl)-2-[(4-fluorophenyl)(4-pyridin-4-ylphenyl)methoxy]-4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~2-[(4-bromophenyl)(4-fluorophenyl)methoxy]-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~2-[(4-bromophenyl)(4-fluorophenyl)methoxy]-N-(1-cyanocyclopropyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

N-(cyanomethyl)-2-[(4-fluorophenyl)(4'-piperazin-1-yl-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)methoxy]-4-methylpentanamide;

~~2-[1-(4-bromophenyl)propoxy]-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

N-(1-cyanocyclopropyl)-2-[(4-fluorophenyl)(4'-piperazin-1-yl-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)methoxy]-4-methylpentanamide;

N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-[phenyl(4'-piperazin-1-yl-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)methoxy]pentanamide;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-2-[(4-fluorophenyl)(4'-piperazin-1-yl-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)methoxy]-4-methylpentanamide;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-[phenyl(4'-piperazin-1-yl-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)methoxy]pentanamide;

~~(2S)-2-[(4-bromophenyl)(phenyl)methoxy]-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-{[(S)-phenyl(4'-piperazin-1-yl-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]oxy}pentanamide;

N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-[1-(4'-piperazin-1-yl-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)ethoxy]pentanamide;

N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-[1-(4'-piperazin-1-yl-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)ethoxy]pentanamide;

~~(2S)-2-[(4-bromophenyl)(4-fluorophenyl)methoxy]-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

(2S)-N-(Cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-{[(R)-[4'-(methylthio)-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl](phenyl)methyl]oxy}pentanamide;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-{[(R)-[4'-(methylsulfonyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl](phenyl)methyl]oxy}pentanamide;

(2S)-N-(Cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-{[(R)-(4'-morpholin-4-yl-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)(phenyl)methyl]oxy}pentanamide;

~~(2S)-2-[(4-bromophenyl)(cyclohexyl)methoxy]-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~(2S)-2-[(4-bromophenyl)(cyclohexyl)methoxy]-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~(2S)-2-{[1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-methylprop-2-enyl]oxy}-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~(2S)-2-{[1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-methylprop-2-enyl]oxy}-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~(2S)-2-[1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-methylpropoxy]-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~(2S)-2-[1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-methylpropoxy]-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~2-[1-(4-bromophenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy]-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-2-{[(R)-(4-cyanophenyl)(phenyl)methyl]oxy}-4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-[((R)-phenyl{4-[(trimethylsilyl)ethynyl]phenyl}methyl)oxy]pentanamide;~~

~~(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-2-{[(R)-(4-ethynylphenyl)(phenyl)methyl]oxy}-4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~2-[1-(4-bromophenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy]-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-[2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(4'-piperazin-1-yl-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)ethoxy]pentanamide;

~~2-{[(S)-(4-bromophenyl)(phenyl)methyl]oxy}-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~2-[(4-bromophenyl)(phenyl)methoxy]-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-[phenyl(4-pyridin-4-ylphenyl)methoxy]pentanamide;~~

N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-[phenyl(4'-piperazin-1-yl-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)methoxy]pentanamide;

~~(2R)-2-[(4-bromophenyl)(4-fluorophenyl)methoxy]-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-{[(R)-{4'-[4-(methylsulfonyl)piperazin-1-yl]-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl}(phenyl)methyl]oxy}pentanamide;

~~2-{[(4-bromophenyl)(phenyl)methyl]thio}-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-{[(R)-[4'-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl](phenyl)methyl]oxy}pentanamide;

N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-(2,2,2-trifluoro-1-{4'-[4-(methylsulfonyl)piperazin-1-yl]-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl}ethoxy)pentanamide;

~~2-[(4-bromophenyl)(2,4,6-trifluorophenyl)methoxy]-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~(2S)-2-[bis(4-bromophenyl)methoxy]-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide~~;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-{[(R)-phenyl(4-pyridin-4-ylphenyl)methyl]oxy}pentanamide;

4-{4'-[(R)-[((1S)-1-{[(cyanomethyl)amino]carbonyl}-3-methylbutyl)oxy](phenyl)methyl]-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl}-1,1-dimethylpiperazin-1-ium iodide;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-2-{[(R)-{4'-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)piperazin-1-yl]-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl}(phenyl)methyl]oxy}-4-methylpentanamide;

~~2-{[(4-bromophenyl)(phenyl)methyl]sulfonyl}-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;~~

N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-{2,2,2-trifluoro-1-[4'-(methylthio)-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl]ethoxy}pentanamide;

~~2-[1-(4-bromophenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy]-N-(1-cyanocyclopropyl)-4-methylpentanamide~~;

N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-{2,2,2-trifluoro-1-[4'-(methylsulfonyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl]ethoxy}pentanamide;

~~4-[[((1S)-1-{[(cyanomethyl)amino]carbonyl}-3-methylbutyl)oxy(phenyl)methyl]-N-methoxy-N-methylbenzamide;~~

~~4-[[((1S)-1-{[(cyanomethyl)amino]carbonyl}-3-methylbutyl)oxy](phenyl)methyl]-N,N-dimethylbenzamide;~~

~~(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-[[4-(morpholin-4-ylcarbonyl)phenyl](phenyl)methoxy]pentanamide;~~

~~4-[[((1S)-1-{[(cyanomethyl)amino]carbonyl}-3-methylbutyl)oxy](phenyl)methyl]benzoic acid;~~

~~(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-{[(R)-{4-[4-(methylthio)benzoyl]phenyl}(phenyl)methyl]oxy}pentanamide;~~

~~(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-{[(R)-{4-[4-(methylsulfonyl)benzoyl]phenyl}(phenyl)methyl]oxy}pentanamide;~~

(2S)-2-{[(R)-[4-(1,1'-biphenyl-4-ylcarbonyl)phenyl](phenyl) methyl]oxy}-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methylpentanamide;

~~(2S) 2-[{5-bromopyridin-2-yl)(phenyl)methoxy] N-(cyanomethyl) 4-methylpentanamide;~~

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-{phenyl[5-(4-piperazin-1-ylphenyl)pyridin-2-yl]methoxy}pentanamide;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl-4-methyl-2-[{5-[4-(methylthio)phenyl]pyridin-2-yl}(phenyl)methoxy]pentanamide;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl-4-methyl-2-[{5-[4-(methylthio)phenyl]pyridin-2-yl}(phenyl)methoxy]pentanamide;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl-4-methyl-2-{ [R or S)-{5-[4-(methylsulfonyl) phenyl]pyridin-2-yl}(phenyl)methyl]oxy}pentanamide;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl-4-methyl-2-{[(R or S)-{5-[4-methylsulfonyl) phenyl]pyridin-2-yl}(phenyl)methyl]oxy}pentanamide;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl-4-methyl-2-[{5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1-oxidopyridin-2-yl}(phenyl)methoxy]pentanamide;

~~(2S) 2-[(4-bromothien-2-yl)(phenyl)methoxy] N-(cyanomethyl) 4-methyl pentanamide;~~

~~(2S) 2-[(5-bromo-1-oxidopyridin-2-yl)(phenyl)methoxy] N-(cyanomethyl) 4-methylpentanamide;~~

~~(2S) N-(cyanomethyl) 4-methyl-2-{[(R)-[4-(1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)phenyl](phenyl) methyl]oxy}pentanamide;~~

~~(2S) N-(cyanomethyl) 2-{[(R)-{4-[1-(2-methoxyethyl)piperidin-4-yl]phenyl}(phenyl) methyl]oxy) 4-methylpentanamide;~~

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-{[(R)-[4-(6-methyl-1-oxidopyridin-3-yl)phenyl](phenyl](phenyl)methyl]oxy}pentanamide;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-{[(R)-[4-(1-oxidopyridin-4-yl)henyl](phenyl) methyl]oxy}pentanamide;

~~(2S) N-(cyanomethyl) 4-methyl-2-{[(R)-[4-(1-methyl-1-oxidopiperidin-4-yl)phenyl](phenyl)methyl]oxy}pentanamide;~~

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-2-{[(R)-{4-[1-(2-methoxyethyl)-1-oxidopiperidin-4-yl]phenyl}(phenyl)(phenyl)methyl]oxy-4-methylpentanamide;

~~(2S) N (cyanomethyl) 4 methyl 2 {[(R) [4 (5 methylcyclohex 1 en 1 yl)phenyl(phenyl)methyl]oxy}pentanamide;~~

~~3 {4 [(R) [((1S) 1 {[(cyanomethyl)amino]carbonyl} 3 methylbutyl)oxy](phenyl)methyl]phenyl} 1 methylpyridinium iodide;~~

~~(2S) N (cyanomethyl) 4 methyl 2 {[(R) [4 (1 methylpiperidin 3 yl)phenyl](phenyl)methyl]oxy)pentanamide;~~

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-{[(R)-phenyl(4-pyridin-3-ylphenyl)methyl]oxy}pentanamide;

(2S)-N- (cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-{[(R)-[4-(1-oxidopyridin-3-yl)phenyl](phenyl)methyl]oxy}pentanamide;

~~(2S) N (cyanomethyl) 2 {[(R) {4 [1 (2 methoxyethyl)piperidin 3 yl]phenyl}(phenyl)methyl]oxy} 4 methylpentanamide;~~

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-{[(R)-phenyl(4-quinolin-3-ylphenyl)methyl]oxy}pentanamide;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-{[(R)-[4-(1-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-3-yl)phenyl](phenyl)methyl]oxy} pentanamide;

(2S)-N-(cyanomethyl)-4-methyl-2-{[(R)-[4-(1-oxidoquinolin-3-yl)phenyl](phenyl)methyl]oxy}pentanamide;

~~(2S) N (cyanomethyl) 2 {[(R) {4 [1 (2 methoxyethyl) 1 oxidopiperidin 3 yl]phenyl}(phenyl)methyl]oxy} 4 methylpentanamide;~~

(2S)-N-(1-cyanocyclopropyl)-2-[(R)-[4'-(1-hydroxycyclopropyl)biphenyl-4-yl](phenyl)methoxy]-4-methylpentanamide;

(2S)-N-(1-cyanocyclopropyl)-4-methyl-2-{(R)-phenyl[4'-(2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxyethyl)biphenyl-4-yl]methoxy}pentanamide;

(2S)-2-[(R)-[4'-(1-amino-2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)biphenyl-4-yl](phenyl)methoxy]-N-(1-cyanocyclopropyl)-4-methylpentanamide;

1-{4'-[(R)-[((1S)-1-{[(1-cyanocyclopropyl)amino]carbonyl}-3-methylbutyl)oxy](phenyl)methyl]biphenyl-4-yl}cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;

2-{4'-[(R)-[((1S)-1-{[(1-cyanocyclopropyl)amino]carbonyl}-3-methylbutyl)oxy](phenyl)methyl]biphenyl-4-yl}-2-hydroxypropanoic acid;

(2S)-N-(1-cyanocyclopropyl)-2-[(R)-[4'-(2-hydroxyethyl)biphenyl-4-yl](phenyl)methoxy]-4-methylpentanamide;

(2S)-N-(1-cyanocyclopropyl)-2-[(R)-{4'-[cyclopropyl(hydroxy)methyl]biphenyl-4-yl}(phenyl)methoxy]-4-methylpentanamide;

(2S)-N-(1-cyanocyclopropyl)-2-[(R)-[3'-(1-hydroxyethyl)biphenyl-4-yl](phenyl)methoxy]-4-methylpentanamide;

(2S)-N-(1-cyanocyclopropyl)-2-[(R)-[3'-(1-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)biphenyl-4-yl](phenyl)methoxy]-4-methylpentanamide;

(2S)-N-(1-cyanocyclopropyl)-2-[(R)-[3'-(1-cyanocyclopropyl)biphenyl-4-yl](phenyl)methoxy]-4-methylpentanamide;

(2S)-N-(1-cyanocyclopropyl)-2-[(R)-[4'-(1-cyanocyclopropyl)biphenyl-4-yl](phenyl)methoxy]-4-methylpentanamide;

(2S)-2-[(R)-[3',4'-bis(1-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)biphenyl-4-yl](phenyl)methoxy]-N-(1-cyanocyclopropyl)-4-methylpentanamide;

(2S)-2-[(R)-[3',4'-bis(1-hydroxycyclopropyl)biphenyl-4-yl](phenyl)methoxy]-N-(1-cyanocyclopropyl)-4-methylpentanamide;

~~and the~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable salts~~,~~ or stereoisomers ~~and N-oxide derivatives~~ thereof.

13. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

14. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition made by combining a compound according to Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

15. (Original) A process for making a pharmaceutical composition comprising combining a compound according to Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

16. -25. Cancelled.